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(4) Cauvery-Mettur and Lower Bhavani Project areas.

(5) Minor Irrigation project areas like the Toludur and Neiveli areas in South Arcot district.

" (b) Soil-Conservation schemes have been taken up on a limited scale in this State. At present soil conservation measures are being carried out in the Nilgiris district and the Mulanur firka, Dharapuram taluk in Coimbatore district."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that an analysis had been made in Malabar also with regard to soil erosion. May I know in what parts of Malabar this was done and what steps have been taken by the Government to prevent soil erosion in these parts? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Notice."

Status of village officers.

* 902 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have taken action on the resolution of the Tamilnad Village Officers' Conference held on 6th February 1954 at Tiruchirappalli that they should define their status once for all as either full-time or part-time Government servants and if so, what?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. Village officers are not regarded as full-time Government servants but only as part-time Government servants. The question has been examined by the Government repeatedly and no action is therefore considered necessary on the present resolution of the Conference."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" In respect of casual leave and other matters, are there any restrictions as in the case of full-time Government servants? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Service Rules, the Fundamental Rules and other rules which apply to full-time Government servants do not apply to this category."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the question of treating these village officers as full-time workers at least for the purpose of giving them educational concessions in respect of their children as in the case of non-gazetted officers? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As regards giving educational concessions, it has already been answered on the floor of the House. As regards treating them as full-time servants, they are treated as such so far as elections and other things are concerned."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் ஜமாபந்திக்குப் போகும்பொழுது அவர்களுக்கு டிராவலிங் அலவன்சு, படிச் செலவு முதலியன கொடுக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. It is being given now."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" The Minister said that they were not full-time Government servants. Will the Government consider the question of giving them fee concession at least proportionate to the quantum of work they turn out as compared with full-time servants of Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" This question has to be considered by the Hon. the Minister for Education and I shall convey to him the wishes of the hon. Member."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" My question was whether they would be treated as Government servants at least for the purpose of granting them educational concessions because last time when the question was put to the Minister he said that the snag was that the village officers were not Government servants. Will they make them full-time servants at least for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am sure my Hon. Colleague will give attention to it."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிராம அதிகாரிகள் பாதி நேர உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் என்று மந்திரி சொல்லுகிறார்கள். ஆனால் கிராம அதிகாரிகளுக்குத்தான் முழுக்க முழுக்க வேலை இருக்கிறது. இரவு நேரங்களில் சண்டை போட்டுக்கொண்டாலும், அல்லது தூக்கு மாட்டிக் கொண்டாலும் அவர்கள் சர்க்காருக்கு உடனே தெரிவிக்க வேண்டிய நிலையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே அவர்களை முழு நேர உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களாகக் கருதுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They are permitted to engage in trade and other occupations."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the village officers have a long standing grievance that they are treated as full-time servants only for the purpose of extracting work and that in the matter of educational concessions and other things they are treated as part-time servants? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, they have this privileged position, viz., they can live in their own village unlike full-time servants who are transferred from place to place."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" This brings to the fore the problem that is agitating the minds of so many people in the State, viz., the practice of Government servants indenting on the services of village officers to attend to their personal conveniences and putting them to all sorts of expenditure in this regard. Will the Government issue a circular to all the Government servants to put an end to this practice? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Is it a peculiar feature in South Arcot district or throughout the State? "

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